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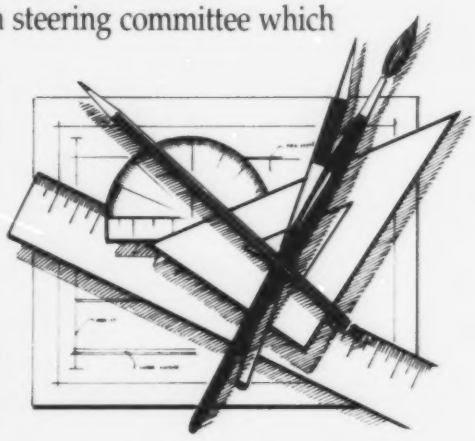
The British Columbia Premier's Advisory Council For Persons With Disabilities

In 1981, the International Year of Disabled Persons, a committee sponsored by the Government of British Columbia recommended the establishment of an advisory committee on the needs of persons with disabilities. Following Rick Hansen's Man-in-Motion tour across Canada, the provincial government appointed a steering committee which staged meetings in 1988 to hear public views and concerns about these needs, and the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia adopted *The Premier's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities Act*. The Council was established in January 1989 to encourage and promote greater participation by persons with disabilities in all aspects of the social, economic, and cultural life of British Columbia and to advise the government on concerns related to the achievement of that goal.



The Council consists of a chairman, a youth advisor and 12 members — representatives of eight regions and four members-at-large — who are appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. Those serving on the Council have disabilities or represent persons with disabilities. A secretariat, based in Vancouver, supports the Council's work.

By the terms of the Act, the Premier's Advisory Council may "review, advise on and make recommendations [about] government programs and policies, with a view to improving the quality of life of persons with disabilities."

The Council may bring before the premier, the government and the public matters of interest and concern to persons with disabilities.

Council's role is also to promote, on behalf of persons with disabilities:

- Equitable access to services;
- Understanding of the services required by and available to them;
- Public education about and awareness of their capabilities;
- Their education, training and employment;
- Their independence and self-responsibility;
- The prevention of disabilities.

In carrying out its functions, the Council may:

- Receive briefs and suggestions from individuals and groups concerning the status of persons with disabilities;
- Undertake studies on matters relating to persons with disabilities;
- Make referrals to and consult and collaborate with educational institutions and individuals on matters which affect persons with disabilities;
- Propose legislation, policies and practices to improve the status of persons with disabilities;
- Publish reports, studies and recommendations the Council deems should be made available to the public;
- Appoint special committees when needed;
- Maintain an information library on subjects related to persons with disabilities and on services and programs likely to be of interest to them;
- Offer direction to persons with disabilities having difficulty gaining access to needed services.

The Council reports to the Premier of British Columbia through the Minister of Government Services and receives funding and support from the Ministry of Government Services.

Chairman's Remarks

My association with the Premier's Advisory Council For Persons With Disabilities began well before its inauguration in January 1989. Working at that time as the Council's one part-time staff member and sometimes as a volunteer, assisted by temporary office workers and the staff of the Ministry of Provincial Secretary, I had the unique, rewarding experience of both shaping and observing the development of an outstanding citizen advisory organization. By the end of 1989, much organizational work had been accomplished. These achievements were due largely to the energy and dedication of the Council's members, who were determined to roll up their sleeves and get down to work.

The Council's role and many of its relationships and major projects were conceived during that early period. It is only fitting to recognize those accomplishments. An unpublished report of October 1989, entitled "Responses," recorded that the Council had already:

- Established the frequency, patterns and organization of Council meetings;
- Initiated reporting procedures for Council recommendations to the provincial government;
- Established the procedure of appointing task teams of outside experts, with representation from Council and the disability community, to undertake major research projects;
- Developed the job description for the position of Executive Director and, with assistance from the Provincial Secretary's staff, selected a candidate from more than 30 qualified applicants.

Having carefully considered input from a wide variety of consumers, Council forwarded recommendations to the provincial government on some

of the following needs:

- Increases in Income Assistance (G.A.I.N.) payments to persons with disabilities;
- Standard province-wide parking regulations for drivers with disabilities and regulations for those transporting persons with disabilities;
- Establishment of a province-wide computerized database of government programs and services of benefit to persons with disabilities;
- Regulations ensuring that taxi cabs and public transit vehicles throughout the province become accessible;
- Adoption of an accessibility policy in all provincial government buildings and rental properties to guarantee access to the public and to its own work force;
- Inclusion of barrier-free design principles in university architecture programs and establishment of effective in-service training for practising architects, builders and interior designers;
- Support for groups of parents who petitioned government for financial support to assist children with severe disabilities to remain at home rather than in institutions.

While by mid-1990 the Council achieved full staffing and adopted our first Five-Year Strategic Plan, many early recommendations continue to dominate our work and activities.

The Council's ability to bring about effective change in policies or legislation has been hampered by infrequent direct contact with the Premier and key ministers. We made a substantial presentation to Cabinet in June 1990, but follow-up meetings with ministers and senior staff of their

ministries were hard to come by. Some might argue that this was due to lack of political will. I prefer to think of it as lack of experience in responding to a citizen body advising on so complex a subject as disability.

Our constituents — and at times even the members of the Council — feel frustrated with the apparent lack of progress on major issues, especially in view of the number of recommendations we have forwarded to government. I believe, however, that we have made considerable progress. As this report will indicate, we have achieved some changes in legislation or government policy which translate into immediate improvements for persons with disabilities. More importantly, we have established excellent rapport with groups and organizations of and for persons with disabilities and have established a concrete pattern of consultation. This process will prevent the Council from ever acting unilaterally on any issue. At the same time, many elected officials and senior public servants recognize the Council as a highly effective source of well-reasoned, researched, consensual advice.

Just as Rome was not built in a day, social change to improve the lives and future of British Columbians with disabilities cannot be achieved overnight. The following review will show that we need to communicate better our issues to government and to convince decision-makers to place higher priority on the needs of persons with disabilities.

Paul E. Thiele

Chairman

Executive Director's Report

This first annual report summarizes the activities of the Premier's Advisory Council from September 1, 1990 to August 30, 1991. The commencement of the reporting period corresponds to the release of the Council's Strategic Plan. The report is intended to summarize the effectiveness of the Council in dealing with the issues specified in the plan. The outcomes of the Council's activities are identified wherever possible. For projects that are still in progress, the report details the Council's aims.

In order to fulfill its mandate to initiate needed changes in policy and legislation for the benefit of persons with disabilities, Council has taken a collaborative approach with organizations for and of people with disabilities. Individual consumers have also been encouraged to provide input to Council through various means, including public hearings and calls for submissions on specific issues.

The Council has received some very good input from consumer organizations and individual consumers. They have the natural expectation that recommendations to government on the basis of that input will be implemented. To those who review this report, it will be evident that in some cases we have succeeded, while in other cases we are encountering delays.

In some cases delays have undoubtedly occurred because Council and government have not yet reached agreement about proposed solutions, or they have differing views about the priority of some Council recommendations.

In the final analysis, however, it is the Council's responsibility to communicate effectively with government concerning the needs of persons

with disabilities and the role of government in meeting those needs. Both members and staff of the Council recognize that to achieve implementation of our major recommendations — including the very significant work of the Community Services Task Team, which will shortly be submitting its recommendations to Council — we must work harder at establishing reciprocal channels of communication with both public service and political decision makers. In order to initiate major changes in social policy, government must be convinced that change is required and be satisfied that general agreement about the recommended form of change has been achieved among citizens it will affect.

Having done extensive research and consulted with individuals and organizations for and of persons with disabilities, the Council believes it is well positioned to achieve implementation of major policy recommendations pertaining to enforcement of the Building Code, vocational rehabilitation, transportation issues, services for children, employment equity and the important issues being reviewed by the Community Services Task Team.

In issuing this Annual Report, the Council reaffirms its commitment to pursue vigorously, with the assistance of the Secretariat, the implementation of policy and legislative initiatives which will lead to equality of opportunity for British Columbians with disabilities.

Michael G. Carleton
Executive Director

Review of the Council's Strategic Plan

To influence social policies affecting the lives of the largest number of British Columbians with disabilities, the Council undertook to, first, focus on issues common to people with various kinds of disabilities and second, establish priorities in setting goals. These issues and goals are defined in a strategic planning process over a five-year period. The plan is to be updated every year.

Establishing the planning process involved the Council in reviewing submissions made to the steering committee which toured the province in 1988 and in studying input received from individuals and organizations after Council's formation. Its priorities were fixed at a two-day strategic planning session. The Council presented a synopsis of its strategic plan to cabinet and to the government and opposition party caucuses in the Legislative Assembly. In the fall of 1990, the Council released its first five-year Strategic Plan.

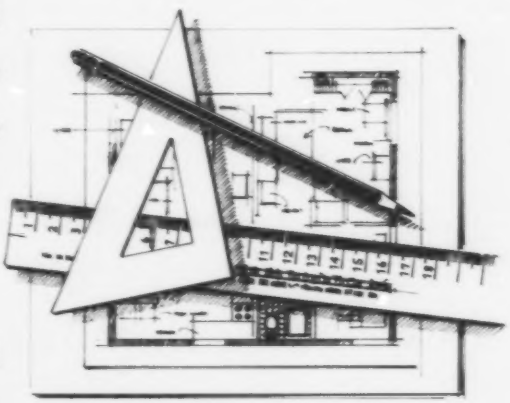
In order to develop policy recommendations on the issues and goals specified in the strategic plan, the Council has solicited input from individuals, advocacy groups and service providers and met with representatives of provincial ministries. The Council has also organized public hearings and regional meetings, distributed and analysed questionnaires and surveys and published a newsletter, *Directions*, three times annually, to keep individuals, organizations and ministry representatives aware of its activities.

Summaries follow of the Council's activities, issue-by-issue, and of the status of each.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE B.C. BUILDING CODE

The Premier's Advisory Council established an external task team in the spring of 1990 to review problems associated with enforcement of Section 3.7 of the *British Columbia Building Code*. Section 3.7 outlines the building requirements for people with disabilities. The task team was chaired by Marilyn Baker, former North Vancouver mayor and chairperson of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

The *Report of the Task Team on the Enforcement of the B.C. Building Code, with Particular Reference to Section 3.7*, published in September 1990, recommended nine initiatives to strengthen enforcement of the code, and the Council developed an action plan for their implementation. Both the report and the action plan have been distributed to various provincial ministries, to the Union of B.C. Municipalities, to all municipalities and regional districts in the province, to organizations representing people with disabilities and to professional organizations involved in the design or construction of buildings.

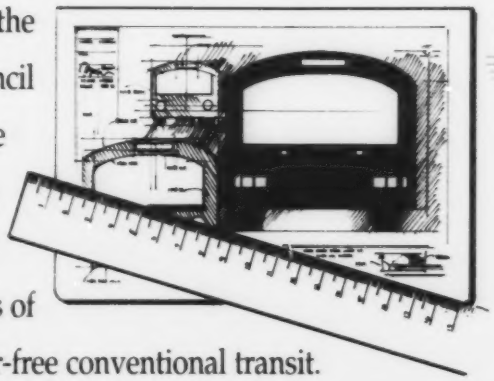


Status

Council developed a strategy to obtain support for implementation of the recommendations from ministries amd organizations with designated enforcement roles. Achieving more effective enforcement will require their concerted action. The Council has obtained positive initial response to the recommendations:

- The ministries of Advanced Education, Training and Technology and Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing are participating in the development of a provincially-recognized Building Official program, in association with the Building Inspectors Association and the construction industry;
- The executive body of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, following a presentation by Premier's Council members in July 1991, is assessing the task team report with a view to determining action required of the Union to strengthen the enforcement process;
- Senior representatives of ministries with designated roles in the enforcement process are meeting with the Council, with a view to implementing a number of task team recommendations by the time the revised *Building Code* is released in 1992.

Council established a sub-committee in early 1990 to review issues concerning access to taxis, development of standards for accessible taxis, concerns about parallel transportation services, inter-city buses and other transportation matters. The chair of the Transportation Sub-committee, Council member Glen Cave, has also assisted the Council in deliberations with the Minister of Transportation and Highways and the board of directors of B.C. Transit in planning for barrier-free conventional transit.



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- In the fall of 1990, Council requested that the B.C. Transit board of directors initiate a policy on the acquisition of accessible equipment which would apply to all regional transit districts in the province. On June 21, 1991 the Transit board of directors approved an 18-month program to prepare plans for full accessibility of the province's conventional transit systems and to present the plans to all regional transit commissions. The Council has welcomed B.C. Transit's response as a farsighted approach which includes provision for British Columbians with disabilities as an essential part of conventional transit planning.
- The Council's Strategic Plan identified the need to amend the *Motor Fuel Tax Act* to expand eligibility for gas tax rebates to individuals who own vehicles but do not qualify for drivers' licences. After receiving input from the Council and many other community groups, the Minister of Finance introduced amendments to the *Motor Fuel Tax Act* in July 1991 that expand

eligibility for gas tax rebates to people with disabilities who do not drive.

- The Transportation Sub-committee released an interim report recommending the establishment of province-wide standards for accessible taxis and the provision of equitable service by operators of taxi fleets. Council will be able to recommend legislative and regulatory initiatives in support of equitable service after consulting with community groups and consumers.
- A review of parallel transportation services is scheduled for the fall of 1991. Recommendations to B.C. Transit will be provided on the basis of identified service needs.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services refers to a range of provincial government services, benefits and programs that assist adults with disabilities to live in the community. Council initiated a comprehensive review of these services by establishing a task team in the fall of 1990. The task team was chaired by Dr. Brian Wharf, professor and former Dean, Faculty of Human and Social Development, University of Victoria.

The Community Services Task Team has sought input from persons with disabilities by holding public hearings in five centres in the province and inviting submissions in several formats. Outside consultants have also been contracted to develop profiles of services and programs and to evaluate significant policy and funding issues.

Six major themes have emerged:

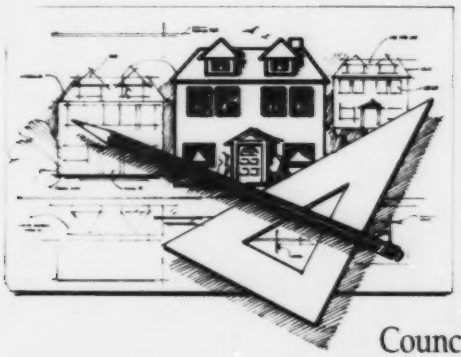
- Income Assistance (G.A.I.N. for Handicapped),
- Housing,
- Transportation,
- Medical services, technical aids, equipment,
- Home support services and continuing care, and
- Harmonization of services.

STATUS

In order to establish effective groundwork concerning options for change, information collected by the Community Services Task Team has been shared with the three relevant ministries — Social Services and Housing, Health and Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

A discussion paper analysing information received by the task team and presenting options for change will be circulated to all those who

made submissions. Out of the responses a second report will be developed, in the fall of 1991, outlining community services needs and recommended changes. The Premier's Advisory Council will vet this report with the major provincial organizations representing persons with disabilities, in the winter of 1991. The report will then be taken to the three ministries and an action plan developed for implementing the recommendations.



The process adopted by the Community Services Task Team illustrates Council's commitment to a consultative process in arriving at recommendations which reflect the concerns of people with disabilities. Council is also committed to constructive and open communication with cabinet ministers and ministry representatives in developing and introducing recommendations. The members of the Community Services Task Team are guided by the Council's commitment to equality, which encompasses individual worth, personal autonomy and the right to live with dignity.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Soon after its formation the Premier's Advisory Council identified the need to enhance training and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. Council's short- and long-term recommendations for the restructuring of the province's Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) were contained in a paper presented to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology in November 1989.

Short term recommendations included:

- Appointment of a director of V.R.S.;
- Development of a strong base of leadership and expertise on rehabilitation within the ministry;
- A higher profile for V.R.S.;
- Review of aspects of the Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Persons (V.R.D.P.) Agreement which have not been implemented; and
- Review of funding for the V.R.S. program.

Status

Over some 20 months the Council has had many follow-up meetings with ministry representatives and corresponded on the recommended restructuring of V.R.S. It is a concern of Council that only one of its short-term recommendations — the appointment of a director of V.R.S. — has been implemented. The V.R.S. program is of critical importance to the economic integration of people with disabilities. Council will continue, in consultation with community groups, to seek implementation of recommendations to serve the vocational rehabilitation needs of people with disabilities.

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY

The Council is deeply concerned about the provincial government's lack of policy or legislation to promote the hiring of people with disabilities in the public service, Crown corporations and government-funded agencies. There is also good reason to consider extending such employment equity legislation or policies to the private sector. In the interim, the province could serve as a model for the private sector by developing and implementing policies that address under-representation of persons with disabilities in the work place.

Council presented a brief to the Assistant Deputy Ministers' Steering Committee For Policies Re: Persons with Disabilities in September 1990 and had follow-up discussions with ministry representatives on the issue.

STATUS

Cabinet has approved development of an employment equity policy applicable to the B.C. government public service. An employment equity group -- a director of employment equity and three employment equity advisors -- has been formed to implement the policy. The Council is providing liaison with community groups and input to the employment equity policy group during the program's development.

Council welcomed the decision to implement an employment equity policy for the B.C. public service and will assist in designing a program responsive to the needs of people with disabilities. The potential remains strong to extend employment equity legislation or policy to other sectors and increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

The Premier's Advisory Council has received input from individuals, organizations and government departments concerning the need for improved access to information about provincial government services and benefits available to persons with disabilities. The Council has established a steering committee to co-ordinate development of a comprehensive directory of services. This complex task will proceed in stages.

STATUS

The steering committee has developed a project description and selected a consultant to assess the gaps and weaknesses in existing information services and recommend a suitable model for a directory, or directories, of services.

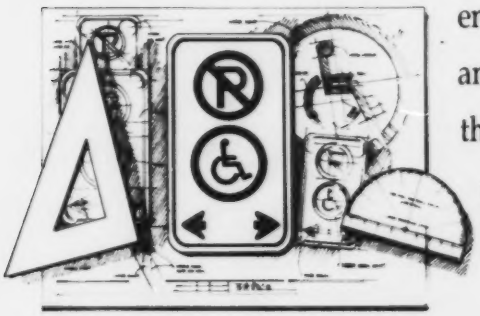
The consultant will devote much of the allocated project time to conducting a province-wide needs assessment among individuals and organizations representing persons with disabilities. On completion of the needs assessment, Council will be in a position to recommend to the province a way to develop the directory of services.

PARKING REGULATION

The Council and many other organizations seek the establishment of a province-wide enforcement program to control the use of designated parking spaces for people with disabilities. The Council co-ordinated a meeting of concerned organizations to respond to a draft regulation prepared by the Ministry of Solicitor General. In March 1991 the ministry announced the introduction of a province-wide, municipal-based program for controlling designated parking spaces.

STATUS

While action by the Ministry of Solicitor General to establish province-wide control is welcome, Council remains concerned about the viability of enforcement measures that will be available and is seeking information about mechanisms that could augment the current program. The ministry is reviewing options to enhance enforcement.



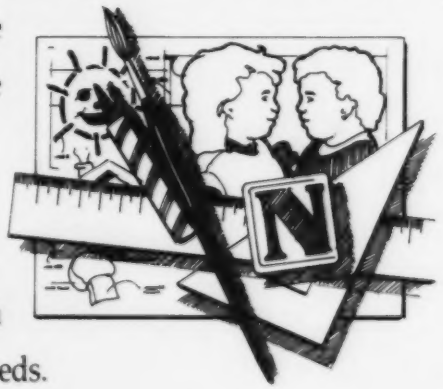
As an outgrowth of this process, Council has identified a need to improve communication with ministries during development of policies and/or legislation, to ensure that the outcomes effectively meet the needs of persons with disabilities.

SUPPORT SERVICES TO CHILDREN

The Council has received input from parents and organizations expressing concern about the availability of support services for children, including speech therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy and the whole range of services required by children of preschool- and school-ages with special needs. In reviewing these issues the Council conducted a survey of parents and organizations and forwarded recommendations to the two ministries directly affected, Health and Education.

STATUS

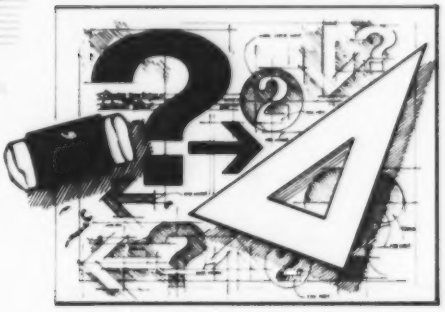
Council is participating in follow-up meetings with the two ministries and providing input on the development of an action plan to address the issues. It is not yet possible to identify the outcomes. Council is seeking to have the ministries accord higher priority in planning and budgeting for support services for children, so as to bring the allocation of resources more in line with needs.



Other Activities

TOURISM DIRECTORY

In response to a request from the Ministry of Tourism, the Council assembled a steering committee to review the ministry's existing publications and provide recommendations on the information needs of travellers with disabilities.



The steering committee developed terms of reference for a consultant to examine the information needs of people with disabilities and oversaw the consultant's work.

STATUS

The ministry has agreed to implement the consultant's recommendations relating to:

- Use of symbols in publications to more accurately depict degree of accessibility, and
- Distribution of an accessibility check list to all tourism operators to ensure greater accuracy in identifying degree of accessibility.

An accommodation guide, to be released in the spring of 1992, will incorporate the recommendations of the steering committee. Other aspects of the consultant's report continue under review by the steering committee.

Members of the Premier's Advisory Council

Paul Ernest Thiele *Chairman (3-year term)*

Mr. Thiele, an educator, is head of the Crane Memorial Library and Resource Centre for the Blind and Visually Impaired at the University of British Columbia. He has written more than 70 publications, most of them dealing with ways of improving the quality of life of the blind and visually impaired. He has a long record of affiliations with public and community services, professional as well as disability organizations, and sits on numerous boards.

Millie F. Bodnar *Peace River (3 years)*

Mrs. Bodnar became active in promoting the rights of persons with disabilities in her community after a family member was injured in an automobile accident. She brings to the Council a perspective on the impact of traumatic disability to the family and the role of the community in meeting the needs of citizens with disabilities.

David J. Bull *North Coast (3 years)*

Mr. Bull is a professional engineer in Prince Rupert with extensive community experience primarily as a school board trustee and as past chairman of the Mental Health Plan Advisory Committee for Prince Rupert and the Queen Charlotte Islands. He believes strongly in the role self-help groups can play in both stimulating initiative and leadership within the disabled community and promoting overall goodwill and understanding.

Glen Cave *Thompson/Okanagan (3 years)*

After an injury in 1978 left him a quadraplegic, Mr. Cave, of Vernon, became involved in establishing the North Okanagan Handicapped Association (NOHA), a resource centre for the North Okanagan Region. He is a member of the association's board of directors and has represented the organization on provincial and national coalitions working to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities. Mr. Cave is a founding member of the B.C. Human Rights Coalition and since 1982 has been president of the B.C. Disabled Persons Network.

Edmund J. Desjardins *Member at large (3 years)*

Mr. Desjardins is well-known for his work in rehabilitation. Discharged in 1946 from Shaughnessy Hospital following treatment for a World War II spinal cord injury, he was employed in the rehabilitation division of the Department of Veterans Affairs. He subsequently became active in the development and operation of the G.F. Strong Centre in Vancouver. After retiring in 1980, he retained his interest in the needs of persons with disabilities and served as a consultant at the centre. Mr. Desjardins has received numerous provincial and national awards for his dedication to persons with disabilities.

Gordon R. Harris *Thompson/Okanagan (3 years)*

Mr. Harris is a semi-retired mining consultant living in Peachland, B.C. His concern is for people who are disabled by mental illness, and he is an executive member of both the Canadian Mental Health Association and Friends of Schizophrenics in Kelowna.

Catherine A. Lafortune *Kootenays (2 years)*

Mrs. Lafortune, who lives in Castlegar, is a mother of four children, one a 19-year-old son with profound multiple handicaps. A qualified early-childhood educator, she is former director of a fully integrated day-care / pre-school facility that serves nearly 70 children. She belongs to a number of advisory committees and associations and has attended many courses and conferences on special education and various disabilities.

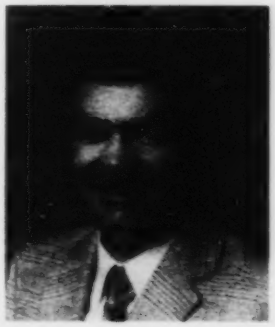
Paulette MacGillivray *Nechako (3 years)*

A resident of Smithers, Mrs. MacGillivray is severely hearing-impaired. She has a personal interest in the concerns of those with disabilities, and her goal is to communicate the message that persons with disabilities do not wish to be treated differently, but understood better. The former administrator of the Bulkley Valley Child Development Centre, Mrs. MacGillivray has worked with special needs children, as a physiotherapist, psychiatric aide and occupational therapist

Margo Massie *Mainland/Southwest (1 year)*

A resident of Vancouver, Ms. Massie is an active member of the disability community in B.C. She has served as president of the board of directors of the B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities since 1988. Ms. Massie represents the Coalition on the advisory committee to the U.B.C. Disability Resource Centre. As co-chair of the Community Awareness Sub-committee of Independence '92, she is currently involved in providing disability awareness training to businesses, service providers and volunteers in the Lower Mainland.

John Morrison *Cariboo (1 year)*



John Morrison, a resident of Prince George, maintains an active life despite long-term physical disabilities, including visual impairment resulting from diabetes. Mr. Morrison has always been actively involved in community services, having served as a volunteer firefighter and an auxiliary constable. He has been a member of the Mayor's Special Needs Advisory Committee and has taken a keen interest in assisting the Prince George Public Library to expand its services to people with visual impairments. Mr. Morrison also makes presentations and leads seminars to increase awareness in industry and the public of issues facing people with disabilities.

Helen Marion (Dee) Rogers *Member-at-large (2 years)*

Ms. Rogers, a consultant with both nursing and social work degrees, works in post-secondary institutions in British Columbia to confront attitudinal barriers that students with disabilities face. Ms. Rogers has completed a resource directory for persons with disabilities in the district of Kelowna, where she lives.

John Simpson *Member-at-large (3 years)*

Mr. Simpson, of Sardis, has been involved with traumatically injured persons for more than 20 years. He has served as a director of the Canadian Paraplegic Association and on several other boards. He is a founding director of the B.C. Head Injury Association and is currently serving as president of the Head Injury Association of Canada. For the past 10 years Mr. Simpson has attended, sponsored and spoken at numerous seminars on behalf of traumatically brain-injured persons.

Robert Sorensen *Youth Advisor*

Mr. Sorensen is president of Sorensen Computing Ltd. of Victoria. He was chairman of the B.C. Youth Advisory Council in 1987 and 1988 and received the Premier's Award for Outstanding Service to Youth in December 1987. That same year he was voted Rookie of the Year by the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association.

Walter Thomson *Vancouver Island/Coast (2 years)*

Mr. Thomson, a resident of Brentwood Bay, has worked for many years to improve the quality of life of persons with physical disabilities. He has promoted the removal of barriers to accessibility and continues to promote awareness of services and assistance available from government and non-profit agencies.

He helped establish the Vancouver Island Housing Association for the Physically Disabled and has served on a number of boards of societies that relate to persons with disabilities. He is currently a director of both the B.C. Paraplegic Association and the Post-Polio Awareness and Support Society.

Rick Hansen *Honourary Chairman*

Known internationally for his 1986-87 Man In Motion wheelchair world tour, Mr. Hansen is a consultant to the president of the University of British Columbia on disability issues and chairperson of Independence '92, an international conference to be held in Vancouver in April, 1992.

The Council acknowledges the contributions of two former Council members, Murray Charleson of Nanaimo and Robin Faye O'Reilly of Dawson Creek, who served on Council from January 1989 to December 1990.

Premier's Council Secretariat

The secretariat is responsible for research and operations in pursuing the achievement of the Council's goals. The Council office serves as a referral service for individuals with disabilities who require services within the government or non-profit sectors.

Secretariat staff (L to R):

Phoebe Yong *Office Assistant* (part-time), Michael Carleton *Executive Director*

Erika Trimble *Researcher/Writer,* Eunice Munro *Administrative Assistant*

Financial Statements

The following statement, prepared by Financial Services Branch of the former Ministry of Provincial Secretary, summarizes the Council's expenditures for the fiscal year 1990/91. A summary of the current year's budget provides an overview of its financial affairs during the period under review in this annual report.

Premier's Advisory Council Expenditures
For the Twelve Months Ended March 31, 1991

Salaries and Benefits		
Base Salaries and Overtime	$130,785	
Supplementary Salary Costs	218	
Employee Benefits	25,568	
		$156,571
Operating Costs		
Council Fees and Expenses	102,214	
Public Servant Travel Expenses	8,255	
Professional Services	41,148	
Information Systems Operating Expenses	14,000	
Telecommunications	14,143	
Office and Business Expenses	27,537	
Postal Costs	4,754	
Materials and Supplies	0	
Informational Advertising and Publications	21,412	
Building Occupancy Charges	35,853	
Data and Word Processing Systems	3,224	
Office Furniture and Equipment	7,428	
		$279,968
Total Expenditures		$436,539
Budget Allocation		*$478,055*
Expenditures Under Budget		*$41,516*

Premier's Advisory Council
Budget Summary
April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992

Base Costs	$330,191
Projects	89,800
Communication Plan	56,000
Auxiliary Staff	24,009
Total	$500,000